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SUBJECT: GOU REQUEST FOR SURPLUS USG OWNED OIL TANKERS

REF: MONTEVIDEO 2212

1. ACCORDING TO DOD, SOME VESSELS (I.E. VESSELS UNDER 1,500 GROSS TONS) DESCRIBED BY STATE OWNED PETROLEUM AGENCY (ANCAP) MAY BE AVAILABLE THROUGH ITS SURPLUS PROPERTY OFFICE. DOD IS ARRANGING TO HAVE A COPY OF LATEST CATALOGUE MAILED DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY. DOD SURPLUS PROPERTY OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SALE OF PROPERTY DE-
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CLARED SURPLUS BY MILITARY SERVICES. PROPERTY IS SOLD ON

OPEN, COMPETITIVE BID BASIS TO ALL QUALIFIED BIDDERS INCLUDING COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES. AFTER RECEIPT OF CATALOGUE DESCRIBING AVAILABILITIES, ANCAP CAN DECIDE WHETHER IT WISHES TO APPLY FOR LISTING AS ELIGIBLE BIDDER. FOR DETAILED INFORMATION, ANCAP SHOULD BE ADVISED TO WRITE DIRECTLY TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SURPLUS SALES, P.O. BOX 1370, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN 49016.

2. BEGIN FYI. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT SOURCES: A) FMS. SALES UNDER THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT (FMSA), AS AMENDED, CAN ONLY BE MADE FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN SECTION 4 OF FMSA. USE OF

VESSELS BY A STATE OWNED COMPANY LIKE ANCAP DOES NOT FALL WITHIN PERMITTED PURPOSES OF SECTION 4. AS PRACTICAL MATTER, US NAVY DOES NOT HAVE ANY VESSELS EXCESS TO ITS REQUIREMENTS OF THE TYPES DESCRIBED IN PARAS 3A, 3B AND 3C REFTEL. AVAILABLE VESSELS DESCRIBED PARA 3D ARE ALL COMMITTED. ALL TANKER VESSELS IN EXCESS OF 1,500 GROSS TONS, WHICH ARE NOT USED IN THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, ARE TURNED OVER TO MARAD FOR SALE AS SCRAP (SEE (B) BELOW).

(B) MARAD. US STATUTES (MERCHANT MARINE ACT OF 1936 IN GENERAL, AND SPECIFICALLY SECTION 11A OF THE MERCHANT SHIP SALES ACT OF 1946) PROHIBIT SALES OF VESSELS FROM THE RESERVE FLEET, WHICH IS UNDER MARAD COGNIZANCE FOR OPERATIONS EITHER BY US CITIZENS OR FOREIGNERS.

(C) AID. THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AID) GETS FIRST PRIORITY ON EXCESS PROPERTY BEFORE IT IS DECLARED SURPLUS. ASSISTANCE TO ANCAP, HOWEVER, IS NOT A PRIORITY OBJECTIVE OF OUR AID PROGRAM. ALSO, THERE IS NO ASSURANCE AT THIS TIME THAT VESSELS OF THE TYPE DESIRED WILL BECOME AVAILABLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. KISSINGER

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